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 TAGS: SCUL, SHUM, TU
 SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ARMENIAN RESOLUTION:
 TELEPHONE CALLS TO CONGRESSMEN

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, WAS POSTED APRIL 17:

2. BEGIN TEXT

Q: A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN HAVE CLAIMED THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPPOSE A RESOLUTION IN THE CONGRESS ON THE INHUMANITY OF MAN TO MAN DEALING WITH GENOCIDE. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT?

A: -- IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF RESPONDING TO QUERIES ON SUBJECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY INTEREST BEFORE THE CONGRESS, A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE COMMUNICATED IN RECENT DAYS WITH MEMBERS ON A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 24 A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

-- WE BELIEVE THE RESOLUTION COULD UNINTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGE EXTREMIST GROUPS WHICH HAVE CARRIED OUT A TERRORIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. END TEXT

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